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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH HEADS OF MAJOR OIL
COMPANIES

REF: TOKYO 15884

1. ON THE DAY FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH OIL COMPANY
EXECUTIVES THE SECRETARY WAS ASKED AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE
ABOUT THE DISCUSSION. IN ANSWERING OKAWARA YOU MAY REFER
TO FOLLOWING QUOTE FROM TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE OF
NOV 21, PARTICULARLY LAST PARAGRAPH.

2. "Q. DR. KISSINGER, IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS YESTERDAY WITH
THE REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES, WERE YOU AT
ALL ENCOURAGED THAT THESE OIL COMPANIES WOULD TAKE THE
EFFORT, THE AMERICAN EFFORT TO PRODUCE A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN
THE MIDDLE EAST, INTO CONSIDERATION, PARTICULARLY WITH
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EMPHASIS ON JAPAN, ON THE SUPPLY OF OIL TO AMERICAN TROOPS

STATIONED ON OKINAWA AND JAPAN, AND WILL THEY PROVIDE SOME OF THE SCARCE RESERVES THAT THEY HAVE TO HELP THE JAPANESE PARTICULARLY. "

3. "A. THE PROBLEM OF THE WORLD-WIDE ENERGY CRISIS HAS BEEN A VERY PROFOUND CHALLENGE TO ALL OF THE OIL-CONSUMING COUNTRIES. AT A MINIMUM, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO STUDY SERIOUSLY WHAT WE CAN DO TO ALLEVIATE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAVE

BEEN CAUSED EITHER BY POLICIES WHICH WE CONSIDER RESPONSIBLE DURING THE WAR, WHICH WOULD BE THE CASE WITH THE NETHERLANDS, OR WHICH ARE PRODUCED BY THE STATIONING OF AMERICAN TROOPS, WHICH WOULD BE THE CASE IN JAPAN."

4. "WE ARE NOW LOOKING AT THIS PROBLEM VERY SERIOUSLY AND HOPE TO FORMULATE SOME POSITION BY THE EARLY PART OR BY THE MIDDLE PART OF NEXT WEEK. "

5. "THE MEETING WITH THE OIL EXECUTIVES WAS NOT PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THESE MORE OR LESS TECHNICAL ISSUES."

6. NBC NEWS, ON MORNING OF NOV 21, REPORTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD ASKED MAJORS NOT TO DISCRIMINATE AMONG THEIR CUSTOMERS IN ALLOCATING OIL. THIS REPORT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT BASED ON VALID SOURCES OR FACTS.

7. THE STUDY REFERRED TO IN PARA 3 ABOVE IS STILL IN PROCESS AND NO CONCLUSION HAS BEEN REACHED.

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